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The Reverend Mister Jesse Jackson, in his visits to Syria and Cuba, was not just a citizen of the United States of America, but a black citizen. As such, he was certain in advance that he would get what he asked. Both Syria and Cuba saw the opportunity to get a cheap shot slap at his country and, since they had nothing to lose, they gave this "black-boy" what he wanted.

By seeking and accepting this condescending paternalism, long ago rejected by most intelligent black men of prominence, the Reverend Mister Jackson succeeded in losing his dignity as an American citizen; succeeded in doing a disservice to all those who choose to call themselves "black Americans"; succeeded in qualifying for the title of "International Uncle Tom."

Finally, of course, he succeeded in making a significant contribution to the reelection of Ronald Reagan.

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